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KASICH: PRESIDENT'S '01 BUDGET, 'DEAD ON ARRIVAL'

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich warned today that spending increases in President Clinton's soon-to-be-released fiscal year 2001 budget will force an unwelcome choice between higher taxes and raiding the Social Security surplus:

"The President will propose a budget that forces a choice between increasing taxes and raiding Social Security. He will propose new spending in virtually every category of government and will squander the entire non-Social Security surplus and large portions of the Social Security surplus.

"That's an irresponsible approach and his budget will be dead on arrival—in both parties—when it reaches Capitol Hill. Instead of looking for ways to create new government programs we should focus on ways to make them work better by rooting out growing waste, fraud, and abuse.

"The GOP wants to hold the line on government spending and preserve the surplus so that we can pay off the public debt and promote key priorities in tax fairness, education, and the national defense."

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